

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2658

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from using the threat of audit to compel agreement with the Tip Reporting Alternative Commitment or the Tip Rate Determination Agreement.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 9, 1997

Mr. KINGSTON (for himself, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. RAMSTAD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the Tip Reporting Alternative Commitment
6 Agreement and the Tip Rate Determination Agree-
7 ment are voluntary agreements developed by the In-

1 ternal Revenue Service and the restaurant industry
 2 as a means of improving the reporting of tip income;

3 (2) there have been reports that the Internal
 4 Revenue Service may be compelling members of the
 5 restaurant industry to accept such voluntary agree-
 6 ment by using the possibility of audit to intimidate;
 7 and

8 (3) the Internal Revenue Service has the au-
 9 thority to perform audits to assure taxpayer compli-
 10 ance with the internal revenue laws.

11 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USING THE THREAT OF AUDIT TO**
 12 **COMPEL AGREEMENT WITH THE TIP RE-**
 13 **PORTING ALTERNATIVE COMMITMENT.**

14 Section 7602 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
 15 (relating to examination of books and witnesses) is amend-
 16 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

17 “(d) NO THREAT OF SUMMONS OR EXAMINATIONS
 18 TO COMPEL AGREEMENT WITH TIP REPORTING ALTER-
 19 NATIVE COMMITMENT OR THE TIP RATE DETERMINA-
 20 TION AGREEMENT.—The Secretary shall not use the
 21 threat of making an examination or issuing a summons
 22 under subsection (a) to compel a taxpayer to agree to or
 23 sign the Tip Reporting Alternative Commitment Agree-

1 ment (TRAC) or the Tip Rate Determination Agreement
2 (TRDA).”

